4. Stewardship versus **ownership.**

God owns **everything**.
We are His **managers**.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (NKJV) For **you were bought at a price**; therefore **glorify** God in **your body** and in **your spirit**, which **are God's**.

Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV) Do not store up for yourselves **treasures on earth,** where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

5. Generosity versus **misery.**

Acts 20:35 (NIV) The Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more **blessed to give** than to receive."

Debt is bad, saving is good, **giving is fun**, and stuff is meaningless.
~Angela Cornelia

God's way works.

Malachi 3:7-9 (NIV84) Ever since the time of your forefathers **you have turned away** from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me**, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, '**How are we to return**?'
Malachi 3:10 (NIV84) Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if **I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing** that you will not have room enough for it.
Malachi 3:11 (NIV84) **I will prevent pests from devouring your crops**, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty.
Malachi 3:12 (NIV84) "Then all the nations will call you **blessed**, for yours will be a **delightful** land," says the Lord Almighty.

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What about the Money Thing?
Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17, 2024

1 Timothy 6:9 (NASB95) But those who want to get rich fall into **temptation** and a **snare** and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into **ruin** and **destruction**.
1 Timothy 6:10 (NASB95) For the love of money is **a root** of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have **wandered away from the faith** and **pierced themselves** with many griefs.

Jesus talked about **money**
twice as much as **heaven and hell**.

16 of the **38** parables of Jesus had to do with money and possessions.

There are over **500**
verses about **prayer** and **faith**.

There are over **2000**
verses about **money** and **possessions**.

Matthew 6:21 (NKJV) For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.

"If a person gets their attitude toward **money** straight, it will help straighten out almost **every other area** of their life." ~Rev. Billy Graham

Luke 16:13 (NKJV) "No servant can **serve two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve **God** and **mammon**."

What Would You Do for $10 Million
James Patterson and Peter Kim, *The Day America Told the Truth*, 1991

What are you willing to do for $10,000,000? Two-thirds of Americans polled would agree to at least one, some to several of the following:

- Would abandon their entire family (25%)
- Would abandon their church (25%)
- Would become prostitutes for a week or more (23%)
- Would give up their American citizenships (16%)
- Would leave their spouses (16%)
- Would withhold testimony and let a murderer go free (10%)
- Would kill a stranger (7%)

Would put their children up for adoption (3%)

The Numbers

Earning.
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Giving.

The Money Thing?

Haggai 1:5 (NKJV) Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts:
"Consider your ways!
Haggai 1:6 (NKJV) "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."
Haggai 1:7 (NKJV) Thus says the Lord of hosts: **"Consider your ways!**

1 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV) Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made **foolish** the **wisdom** of the world?

1. Calling versus **compensation.**

We don't just need money to **live on**.
We need something to **live for.**

Acts 20:24 (NIV) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may **finish the race** and **complete the task** the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

2. Contentment versus **consumerism.**

Luke 12:15 (LB) Don't always be wishing for what you **don't have**. For real life and real living are **not related to how rich we are**.

Philippians 4:12 (NIV) I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have **learned the secret of being content** in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Contentment is not the fulfillment of **what I want**
but the realization of **what I already have**.

3. God dependent versus **independent.**

Proverbs 18:11 (NIV) The wealth of the rich is **their** fortified city; they **imagine** it a wall **too high to scale**.

How much money would be needed to **secure**
your future against all imaginable eventualities?

Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV) Give me **neither** poverty nor riches, but give me only **my daily bread**. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dis-honor the name of my God.

I will not trust in riches **but in Him** who richly provides.